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Dear Russ:

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General Sibert returned from his trip [redacted] Briefly, the situation is this: The High Command [redacted] unilaterally opposed to putting up our installation [redacted] Our only alternative then is to spend approximately \$250,000 of CIA's money for this installation. Due to the uncertainty of our tenure in Japan the Director will not approve the expenditure of this amount. In short, [redacted] is off!

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General Sibert and [redacted] then went to Okinawa and both believe that we should look to Okinawa for the location of our Station. I have just received the names of contractors now doing certain work for the Army Air Forces on the Island. General Sibert's idea is that we should first get an estimate from these contractors as to what it will cost to put up our installation, the necessary housing, etc. Next we will have to determine from the State Department, I presume, what is the probable future status of Okinawa. Finally, we will have to send another survey team to Okinawa to do what has already been done in other places. Assuming that Okinawa works out, it looks like it will be another twelve months before the station would be in operation. In the meantime, General Sibert feels that we should continue our operation [redacted]

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General Sibert was very impressed with [redacted] and thought [redacted] a bright young fellow. He believes [redacted] is best bet to carry on after [redacted] departure and prior to a permanent replacement. In general he was well pleased with the set up at [redacted]

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I have some other matters to write you about, but will make them the subject of a separate letter.

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Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

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